

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for finding claims 57, 59-61, 64, 66-68, 71 and 78-82 as being in condition for allowance.

The application has been deemed to be in condition for allowance except for the following formal matter: the disclosure has been objected to because the specification as filed is missing pages 135-139. As noted in the Office Action, the instant application is a continuation of parent application 08/758,417, which contained the missing pages, and the instant specification contains a statement that the contents of all priority patent applications cited in the specification are incorporated by reference in their entirety (*see, e.g.*, specification at page 291). Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125(a), a substitute specification will render this objection moot.

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125(a), a clean substitute specification including all amendments made to the originally filed specification and including missing pages 135-139, but excluding the claims as allowed, is provided herewith. In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125(c), the substitute specification with markings showing all amendments made to the originally filed specification of record, including pages 135-139, is also provided herewith. The substitute specification as provided includes no new matter.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believes that all formal matters have been attended to and, therefore, the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Enclosures: Substitute Specification (clean)
Substitute Specification (with markings showing changes)